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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2351

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SUBJECT: CUBA AND THE OAS

LIMA FOR KUBISCH

REF: A) GUATEMALA 2934; B) SAN SALVADOR 2326

1. PUZZLED BY THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION IN REF TELS, I CALLED ON FORMIN BORGONOVO THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 7) AND ASKED IF I HAD UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY THE CURRENT SALVADORAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CUBA. HE SAID THAT I DID UNDERSTAND THEIR POSITION, NAMELY, THAT THEY WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY CUBAN QUESTION: " WE SIMPLY DO NOT WANT TO BE AMONG THE FEW REMAINING HARDLINERS SUCH AS PARAGUAY AND HAITI." I ASKED IF THIS POSITION WOULD HOLD REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE GUATEMALANS DID AND HE SAID THAT IT WOULD.

2. I ASKED IF HE HAD ANY GUESSES TO MAKE AS TO WHAT WOULD COME
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OUT OF THE LIMA MEETING AND HE SAID THAT HE FELT IT PROBABLY
WOULD AMOUNT TO A WASTE OF TIME; THAT THERE WERE REALLY FEW BASIC
CHANGES THAT MADE ANY SENSE. I ASKED IF HE FELT THE US SHOULD
REMAIN IN THE OAS AND HE SAID THAT, OF COURSE, IT SHOULD. HE ADDED:
I SENT A MEMO TO OUR DELEGATION IN WHICH I TOLD THEM THAT THE LATIN
AMERICANS SHOULD STOP WHINING ABOUT THE US HAVING SO MUCH INFLUENCE
IN THE OAS. IF WE REALLY WANTED A LOUDER VOICE WE SHOULD VOLUNTEER
TO PAY A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE OAS BUDGET, CERTAINLY OF THE

HOUSEKEEPING BUDGET. HE FEELS IT IS NOT REASONABLE FOR THE LATINS
TO EXPECT TO SPEAK LOUDLY AA THEY DON' T PULL MUCH FINANCIAL WEIGHT;
HE WENT ON TO ADD THAT THIS POSITION WAS NOT UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
IN
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE ALSO SAID IN HIS MEMO THAT IT WOULD BE

SENSIBLE IF THE LATINS COULD
WORK TOWARD A UNIFIED INVESTMENT
CODE DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS; SUCH WOULD SERVE AS A GREAT
INDUCEMENT
TO FOREIGN CAPITAL IF IT WERE PROPERLY WRITTEN. HE CLOSED BY SAYING
THAT HE KNEW OF NO PAPER BEING CIRCULATED BY ANY LATIN COUNTRY
CONTAINING CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR
ALTERATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.
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